CHAPTER 1

The Ancestors and Children of Magnus Challeen

Listing 15 ancestors for 5 generations.

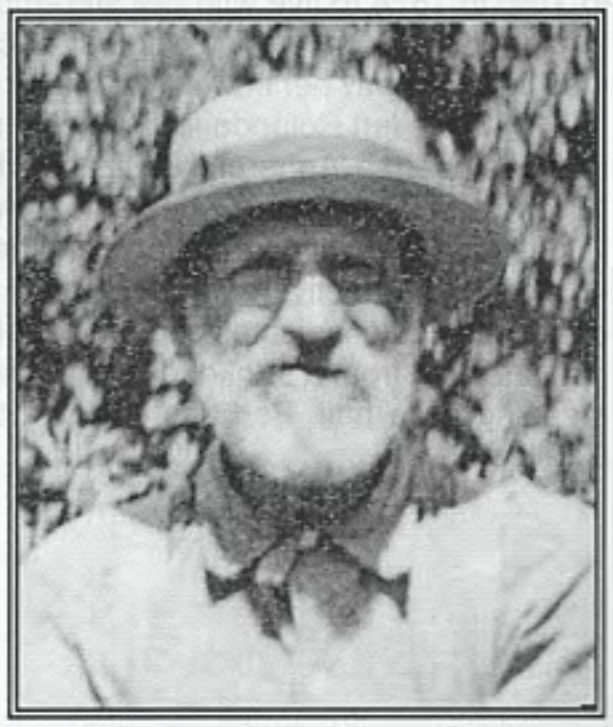
GENERATION NO. 1

1. **Magnus (Andreasson) CHALLEEN** [a] was born 2 Dec 1847 at Rölanda, Älvsborg, Dalsland, Sweden. He was the son of **2.Andreas JANSSON** and **3.Maria AHLSDOTTER**. Magnus died 14 Dec 1921 at Rush Point, Chisago, MN, and was buried 17 Dec 1921 at Rush Point, Chisago, MN. He married **Maria Elizabeth (Petersdotter) FORSDAHL** [b] 4 Jun 1881 at Rush Point, Chisago, MN. She went by the name of Elizabeth. She was born 23 Jan 1846 at Rölanda, Älvsborg, Dalsland, Sweden, the daughter of Peter Johansson FORSDAHL and Maria JANSDOTTER. Elizabeth died 13 Aug 1922 at Rush Point, Chisago, MN, and was buried at Rush Point, Chisago, MN.

They had 7 children:

M	i.	Johan Gustaf MAGNUSSON	b. 24 Nov 1869	d. 10 May 1870
M	ii.	Charles William CHALLEEN	b. 13 Apr 1882	d. 18 Jan 1960
M	iii.	John Edward CHALLEEN	b. 24 May 1884	d. 16 Nov 1957
M	iv.	Albert Julius CHALLEEN	b. 16 Jan 1886	d. 8 Jun 1952
M	v.	Frank Joseph CHALLEEN	b. 22 Dec 1888	d. 27 Dec 1972
M	vi.	George A. CHALLEEN	b. 14 Apr 1891	d. 14 Apr 1891
F	vii.	Lydia M. CHALLEEN	b. 30 Jun 1892	d. 20 Dec 1976

Magnus Challeen was the progenitor of the "Rush Point Challeens". Magnus' Swedish surname was Andreasson. The Rölanda parish records show the birth of Magnus on 2 December 1847 to Andreas Jansson, age 54, and Maria Ahlsdotter, age 43. Baptism was on 5 December 1847 with Anders Olsson and Kyrstin Jansdotter as God-parents. Magnus was the sixth child that was fathered by Andreas Jansson but the only child from his second marriage to Maria Ahlsdotter. The family lived in the farm-village of Lurketorp. Counting the children from Maria's first marriage, there could have been up to eight children in the household during the 1850's. Magnus' aunt, Kerstin Ahlsdotter, was the step-mother of Maria Elizabeth Forsdahl and, through her, he probably first met his future wife. Maria Elizabeth came to live and work in the Jansson household as a "piga" (maid-servant) around 1865. This arrangement apparently nurtured a romance between Magnus and Maria Elizabeth that would eventually lead to marriage. On 9 April 1869, at age 21, Magnus left his home for North America. (The emigration record indicates that he was hard of hearing). We do not know if Magnus was aware at the time that his romance with Maria Elizabeth had resulted in her becoming pregnant. Seven and one-half months later, Maria Elizabeth gave birth to a son, Johan Gustaf, on 24 November 1869. The church records clearly indicate that the child was "oäkta" (illegitimate) and that the father, Magnus Andreasson, had a weakness for the mistake of adultery and had departed for "N. Amerika". The baby lived only about six months, dying on 10 May 1870. Magnus arrived in the United States in 1869, residing first in Chicago for one year. His half-brother left with him. He came to Rush Point, Nessel township, Chisago County,



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